

For information on becoming a *Physician Assistant* see **Sources of additional information** within this brochure.

**For information on youth employment opportunities**, contact a career counselor at your high school or employment counselor or job and information center coordinator at your local NH Employment Security Office.

Berlin (752-5500)

151 Pleasant Street, P.O. Box 159, 03570-0159

Claremont (543-3111)

404 Washington Street, P.O. Box 180, 03743-0180

Concord (228-4100)

10 West Street, P.O. Box 1140, 03302-1140

Conway (447-5924)

518 White Mountain Highway, 03818-4205

Keene (352-1904)

109 Key Road, 03431-3926

Laconia (524-3960)

426 Union Avenue, Suite 3, 03246-2894

Lebanon (448-6340)

85 Mechanic Street, 03766-1506

Littleton (444-2971)

646 Union Street, Suite 100, 03561-5314

Manchester (627-7841)

300 Hanover Street, 03104-4957

Nashua (882-5177)

6 Townsend West, 03063-1217

Portsmouth (436-3702)

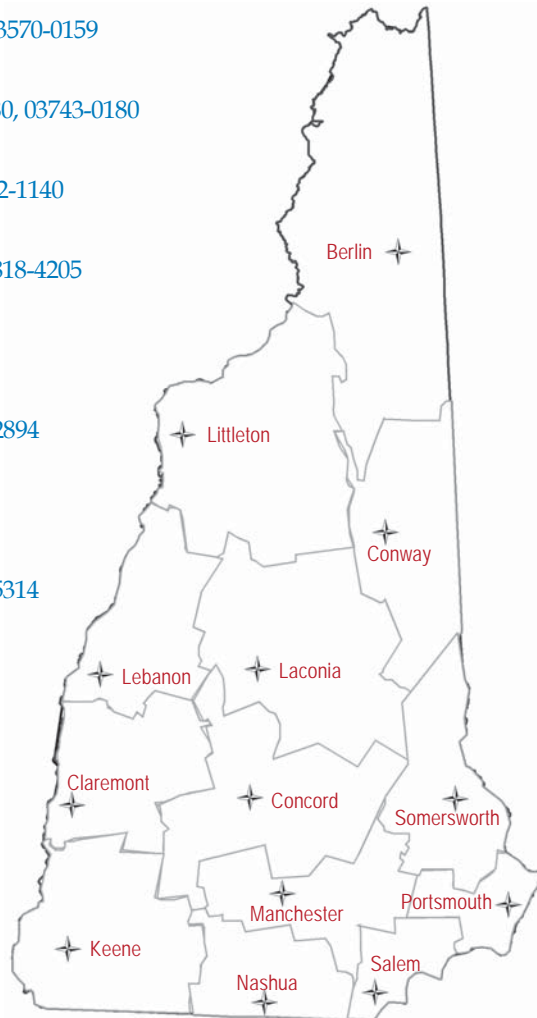
2000 Lafayette Road, 03801-5673

Salem (893-9185)

29 South Broadway, 03079-3026

Somersworth (742-3600)

6 Marsh Brook Drive, 03878-1595



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New Hampshire Employment Security  
Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau  
32 South Main Street, Concord, NH 03301-4857

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# So, you want to be a ...



## Physician Assistant

### Health Science

Projected to be among the fastest growing occupations  
(New Hampshire Occupational Projections, 2006-2016)

Here are a few things  
you should know.



Your gateway to New Hampshire workforce and career information



**You'll want to know a few things about this career**

**Average Hourly Wage**  
\$38.91

**Expected 10 year Growth**  
38%

**Average Annual Openings**  
19  
(Total Employment 372)

**Training/Education Needed**  
Bachelor's Degree or Military Training  
License required to practice within NH. Continuing education also required. See Physician Assistant Programs available in NH at <http://nhnetwork.nhes.state.nh.us/nhnetwork/> (NHNetwork)

**Basic Skills**  
Reading, listening, writing, speaking, math, science

**Job Skills**  
Leadership skills, self-confidence, emotional stability. (Also active listening, complex problem solving, judgement and decision making, speaking, science, critical thinking, active learning, writing, social perceptiveness, monitoring.)

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### Tasks

Source: O\*Net Online

1. Examine patients to obtain information about their physical condition.
2. Interpret diagnostic test results for deviations from normal.
3. Obtain, compile and record patient medical data, including health history, progress notes and results of physical examination.
4. Make tentative diagnoses and decisions about management and treatment of patients.
5. Prescribe therapy or medication with physician approval.
6. Administer or order diagnostic tests, such as x-ray, electrocardiogram, and laboratory tests.
7. Perform therapeutic procedures, such as injections, immunizations, suturing and wound care, and infection management.
8. Instruct and counsel patients about prescribed therapeutic regimens, normal growth and development, family planning, emotional problems of daily living, and health maintenance.
9. Provide physicians with assistance during surgery or complicated medical procedures.
10. Visit and observe patients on hospital rounds or house calls, updating charts, ordering therapy, and reporting back to physician.

**Interests**  
(Holland Code)  
**SRI**  
(Social, Realistic, Investigative)

**Interest Area**  
Health Science

**Working Conditions**  
Varied  
Generally, comfortable well-lit environment. (May require standing long hours)

**Average Work Week**  
Vary according to practice setting  
(Could require nights and weekends, and early morning hospital rounds)

**Sources of Additional Information**  
NH Employment Security (Contact office nearest you or go online to [www.nh.gov/nhes/](http://www.nh.gov/nhes/))

American Academy of Physician Assistants Information Center  
950 N. Washington Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
[www.aapa.org](http://www.aapa.org)

Physician Assistant Education Association  
300 N. Washington Street  
Suite 505  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
[www.PAEdonline.org](http://www.PAEdonline.org)

National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, Inc  
12000 Findley Road,  
Suite 200  
Duluth, GA 30097  
[www.nccpa.net](http://www.nccpa.net)